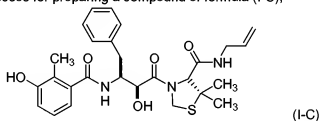


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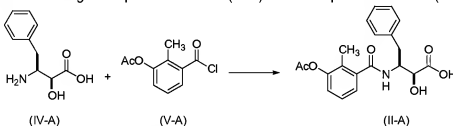
Claims 1 to 17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I-C),



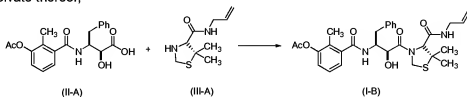
comprising:

- (i) reacting a compound of formula (IV-A) with a compound of formula (V-A),



to afford a compound of formula (II-A);

- (ii) reacting the compound of formula (II-A) with a compound of formula (III-A), or a salt or solvate thereof,



to afford a compound of formula (I-B); and

- (iii) deprotecting the compound of formula (I-B).